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6217 Arapahoe Place Dublin, Ohio 43017 November 4, 2000

To whom it may concern:

I am writing concerning docket 98P-0151/CP1, the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. I urge you to grant this petition. The most compelling reason to grant the petition is that animals that are too sick to walk should not be used for human consumption. I think this is dangerous in light of food borne illness, some serious like BSE, and others with unknown risks. Additionally, it is almost impossible to move or treat them humanely. By forbidding their slaughter, there will be incentive for the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

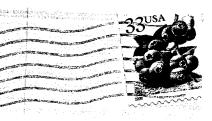
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